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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PRESS COMMUNIQUE AND PRESS RELEASE OF SEPT 13,
1976

1. AT NOON SEPT 13, OFFICE OF VIETNAM'S PERMANENT OBSERVER
TO THE UN ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE AND PRESS
COMMUNIQUE RELATING TO VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

(A) PRESS COMMUNIQUE

(B) PRESS RELEASE

(A) QUOTE

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

THE STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD ON SEPTEMBER 7
AND MR. KISSINGER ON SEPTEMBER 11 INDICATED THAT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT WILL OPPOSE THE ADMISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE PRETEXT THAT
VIET NAM FAILED TO GIVE FULL ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICANS MISSING
IN ACTION IN VIET NAM.

ALMOST ALL COUNTRIES AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CONSIDER THAT VIET NAM IS FULLY QUALIFIED FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
UNITED NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, LAST YEAR ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE

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SECURITY COUNCIL - EXCEPT THE UNITED STATES - AND ALMOST ALL

MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUPPORTED THE ADMISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM. LAST MONTH, THE FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD IN COLOMBO DECIDED TO FIRMLY SUPPORT THE ADMISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS. AND LAST WEEK, THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES MET IN NEW YORK AND CALLED UPON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO GIVE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE APPLICATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND POINTED OUT THAT "ANY OPPOSITION TO THE ADMISSION OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS LEGALLY AND MORALLY IRRELEVANT, INDEFENSIBLE AND UNJUSTIFIABLE, CONTRARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND AN AFFRONT TO THE EXPRESS WISHES OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTING THE WIDEST POSSIBLE SPECTRUM OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION."

EVERYONE REALIZES THAT THE MIA QUESTION HAS NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THE MIA QUESTION AS WELL AS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN VIET NAM ARE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH VIET NAM HAS STATED ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD DISCUSS AND SETTLE WITH A VIEW TO NORMALIZING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN VIET NAM AND THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAVE SHOWN A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE AND CONTINUED ITS HOSTILE POLICY AGAINST VIET NAM, IMPOSING TRADE EMBARGO, PREVENTING HUMANITARIAN AID, PROHIBITING AMERICAN COMPANIES TO DO BUSINESS WITH VIET NAM AND BLOCKING THE ADMISSION OF VIET NAM IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THAT HOSTILE POLICY IS PRECISELY THE OBSTACLE TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTIONS RELATING THE TWO COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN MIA'S. THEREFORE, IT IS NO SECRET TO ANYONE THAT MR. FORD'S REAL CONCERN IS NOT ON AMERICAN MIA'S AND THEIR FAMILIES BUT ON THE VOTE IN HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

WITH THE HUMANITARIAN POLICY AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ANXIETY OF THE FAMILIES OF THE AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION, THE VIETNAMESE SIDE HAS MADE GREAT EFFORTS AND SHOWN GESTURES OF GOOD WILL ON THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN MIA'S. THOSE FACTS ARE UNDENIABLE. WE HOPE THAT FAMILIES OF AMERICAN MIA'S

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AMERICAN POLITICIANS AND PEOPLE ALSO HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS TOWARD TENS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES OF VIETNAMESE MIA'S AND FOR MILLIONS OF OTHER VICTIMS OF THE U.S. BARBAROUS WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIET NAM.

IF THE UNITED STATES CHOOSES TO TAKE THE MIA QUESTION AS A PRETEXT TO OPPOSE THE APPLICATION OF VIET NAM AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS WEEK, IT WOULD BE AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION AND A MISUSE OF VETO POWER, CONTRARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS

CHARTER AND THE TRADITION OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND THE FORD ADMINISTRATION WOULD FACE
WITH STRONGER CONDEMNATION AND BECOME EVER MORE ISOLATED. UNQUOTE.

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(B) PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET
NAM.

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, WILLIAM SCRANTON, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
THE UNITED NATIONS STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS
MAKING THE MIA PROBLEM AN ISSUE AT THE UNITED NATIONS
BECAUSE "THERE HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS THROUGH BILATERAL CONTACT"
BETWEEN VIET NAM AND THE UNITED STATES.

THIS IS A MANOEUVRE TO DISTORT BLATANTLY THE TRUTH. THE
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIEALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET
NAM FEELS IT NECESSARY TO MAKE PUBLIC THE FACT ABOUT THIS MATTER.

AS WAS KNOWN TO EVERYONE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIET NAM HAS ON MANY OCCASIONS STATED ITS VIEWPOINT CONCERNING
THE OUTSTANDING POSTWAR PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS
STIPULATED
BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT. BY PRACTICAL DEEDS, VIET NAM HAS

CLEARLY SHOWN ITS SERIOUS INTENT AND GOODWILL. SINCE MARCH 26, 1976, VIET NAM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ON THREE OCCASIONS EXCHANGED NOTES REGARDING THE TALK TO BE HELD BETWEEN
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THE TWO SIDES. THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF EITHER SIDE'S INTERESTS: THE MIA ISSUE RAISED BY THE UNITED STATES SIDE AND THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALING OF WAR WOUNDS AND, ON THIS BASIS, THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN VIET NAM AND THE UNITED STATES, RAISED BY THE VIETNAMESE. THE TWO SIDES HAVE ALSO AGREED ON THE LEVEL AND THE SITE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE AUGUST 27, 1976 NOTE ADDRESSED TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM PROPOSED THE LIAISON OFFICIALS OF THE TWO SIDES WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS ON THE DATE OF THE FIRST MEETING, BUT SO FAR, THE U.S. SIDE HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO THAT NOTE OF THE VIET NAM SIDE.

ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1976, IN ORDER TO CREATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR SUCH TALK, THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN PARIS CONVEYED TO THE U.S. SIDE THE INFORMATION GATHERED ABOUT 12 U.S. PILOTS WHO DIED IN THEIR ATTACKS ON NORTH VIET NAM. THIS GESTURE OF GOODWILL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS BEEN WELCOME BY THE WORLD AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION.

BUT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION REFUSED TO RESPOND SERIOUSLY, IT STUBBORNLY INSISTS ON FULL AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8(B) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MISSING PERSONNEL WHILE OBSTINATELY REFUSING TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATION OF CONTRIBUTING TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN VIET NAM AS STIPULATED BY ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. ON THE ONE HAND, IT HAS NOT REPLIED TO THE VIETNAMESE NOTE OF AUGUST 27, 1976 AND DELAYED THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES-ON THE OTHER HAND, IT STATED THAT THE BILATERAL CONTACT WAS UNFRUITFUL. THIS IS AN ARROGANT ATTITUDE, CONTRARY TO REASON AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT DEMAND THAT VIET NAM IMPLEMENT ONE ARTICLE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM WHILE REFUSING TO CARRY OUT ANOTHER ARTICLE OF THE SAME AGREEMENT. IN THIS SITUATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM DECIDES TO MAKE PUBLIC THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN VIET NAM AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE RECENT PAST. IT WILL BE CLEARLY SEEN THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS INTENTIONALLY PURSUED AN ARROGANT AND HOSTILE POLICY TOWARD VIET NAM, THAT IT HAS MADE A VOLTE-FACE AND DECEIVED PUBLIC OPINION.

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THE UNITED STATES MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ACTION PREVENTING THE TALK ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT PROVISIONS REGARDING THE MIA'S AND THE U.S. OBLIGATION IN HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN VIET NAM. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED ITS SERIOUS STAND AND GOODWILLED ATTITUDE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IT THE UNITED STATES REALLY DESIRES AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THESE QUESTIONS, IT MUST ABANDON ITS OBDURATE ATTITUDE AND GIVE A PROMPT REPLY TO THE AUGUST 27, 1976 NOTE OF THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM.

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